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For:

METHOD FOR PREPARING DDR TYPE ZEOLITE FILM, DDR TYPE ZEOLITE FILM, AND COMPOSITE DDR TYPE ZEOLITE FILM, AND

METHOD FOR PREPARATION THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

--METHOD FOR PREPARING DDR TYPE ZEOLITE FILM

MEMBRANE, DDR TYPE ZEOLITE FILM MEMBRANE, AND

COMPOSITE DDR TYPE ZEOLITE FILM MEMBRANE, AND

METHOD FOR PREPARATION THEREOF--.